

Andrew Jackson to Robert Hays, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

TO ROBERT HAYS.¹

¹ The original is in the possession of Mrs. Rachel Jackson Lawrence, of Nashville, Tenn.

Philadelphia [1797?]

D'r Hays: I have this day been with the accountant of the War Department upon business of Major Farragut² —and can discover from their conversation that it will be difficult to draw any money on your claim as Muster Master, you will therefore do well to write to Col. Hanley and obtain from him approval of your still continuing to act as Muster Master and that he has not paid you any money for your services as Muster Master since the first day of [*mut.*], 1796, (and if he will) state that [*mut.*] referred you to the war office for settlement. Intrust the business to the care of Mr. Deaderick in case he will be on in the middle of February, as I intend leaving their the first day of March. You will please to inform Mr. Robert Searcy that his accounts have been paid but that General Winchester cannot draw it for the want of a power from him, that if he wishes it brought on if a power can reach here by the First of March, I will bring it to him, or transmit it to Winchester at Baltimore. . . .

² George Farragut, father of Admiral Farragut. He had a claim before the government for services as muster master in Washington District, Tenn., 1792–1793. Colonel Hays was muster master in Mero District and it was to his claim of a similar nature to Farragut's that Jackson referred in this letter.